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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 26 July 1965

There was a discussion of Ambassador Taylor's telegram concerning the question of action against SAM sites in North Vietnam and the need for thorough intelligence study of the locations and capabilities of the SAM sites. DCI said he had talked with the Secretary of Defense and would like to have DIA take the lead in developing such studies. [] would be the CIA representative. [] raised a question as to whether DIA or CIA should take charge of the study. [] was asked to consider the matter and to advise DCI.

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Briefings were given on the Jordan River waters and the SAM shoot-downs of a U.S. aircraft Saturday and a BLUESPRINGS drone today.

[] provided background on the failure to provide DCI with a copy of the Taylor telegram when it came in last night.

Borel noted a White House request for information on the interdiction of LOC to NVN. Appropriate DDI studies were sent in response.

Borel tabled a copy of a Basic Intelligence Fact Book prepared with Community support. Borel also tabled a study based upon U-2 photography of the status of bombed bridges in Vietnam.

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The Inspector General reported on a social conversation he had with Representative Hardy. Hardy says he is most satisfied with the nature of the recent Agency briefings of the Subcommittee.

Houston reported that notes are being put together on 3 or 4 items of interest concerning Agency developments for the next briefing of the Rivers Subcommittee. Best guess for a time is Thursday morning.

Referring to the Taylor telegram, deSilva described the logic of the principle of knocking out LOC into SVN as a necessity in in-country military operations.

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Brosse reported on his conversations concerning an NRO agreement held with Fubini over the weekend. A memo is being prepared for the DCI on this.

[redacted] reported poor weather in the Far East. He described three recent OXCART flights but noted that there was nothing significant in them. [redacted] raised the question as to whether developments in Vietnam might affect the NSCID #8 which calls for NPIC to be assigned to DOD in time of war. It was noted that this question arose in the IG report and is under consideration now.

DDP noted that [redacted] is being brought out of [redacted] in the aftermath of [redacted]

DDP referred to a film and panel discussion on Radio Liberty shown on TV last night and to be repeated on 1 August.

DDP noted that Colby would join with DCI at a special meeting of the 303 Committee this afternoon to discuss the [redacted]

Executive Director noted the importance of this morning's 11:30 meeting in the auditorium on budget matters.

ACTIONS

1. DCI directed study of the facts and implications in the Jordan waters dispute. The likely outcome is to be described. (DDI)
2. Referring to the SAM firings in NVN, DCI wants to make sure a full history and record is available, including the fact that field readout missed identifying the sites involved, and that they were not found by NPIC until after the 24 July shootdown. (DDI)

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3. DCI directed dissemination of an OCI memo recapping the 24 July shutdown. (OCI)

4. DCI directed that [] in dealing with an intelligence look at the SAM problem, consider ways and means to improve field PI performance and the advisability of cutting back on the number of SAC U-2 flights. A memo from DCI to SecDef could set forth any recommendations growing out of such consideration.

5. Referring to the DDI statement on Communist logistics capabilities in Vietnam which is an annex to the current SNIE, DCI asked that this be called to General Carroll's specific attention. (DDI)

6. DCI asked that the basic intelligence fact book be called to Chet Cooper's attention so that he may in turn show this to Bundy. (DDI)

7. Referring to General Fitch's request for a SNIE on the introduction of U.S. troops into Laos near Route 9, and Secretary Rusk's suggestion for a SNIE on Vietnam operations, Kent was directed to seek Community guidance as to the urgency and validity of these studies.

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9. ORR is to be asked to prepare a study of the specific logistics requirements of the Viet Cong. (DDI)

10. DCI directed DDP to brief Clark Clifford on the Agency's plans for []. He also asked that Clifford be briefed on the breakdown of the Community budget to show the relatively small amount spent by the CIA as compared with DOD intelligence components.

11. deSilva is to arrange an appropriate briefing agenda for a session here at Headquarters with Ambassador Lodge sometime this week. Briefing materials should include the facts on the size, responsibilities, successes, and setbacks of the MACV intelligence component. Our plans and proposed solutions are to be covered. (deSilva)

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